動物のお医者さん

There was an incident of pig's tail biting.
TAIL-BITING
WHAT BIT-ING?
If pigs feel stressed out, they sometimes bite off other pig's tails.
Pigs are very delicate and easily nervous animals. They like to be clean, so if their living environment is dirty, they'll be stressed out.
SO THIS MEANS OUR CARETAKING DIDN'T QUITE MEASURE UP TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS
Nipped off

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For some reason, Nikaidou also got into the same faculty...

During the autumn of his second year at H University, Masaki got into the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, as he had wished.

IMPOSSIBLE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF THEM BECAUSE WE HAD HISHINUMA-SAN TEACH US HOW

The previous caretakers

Bet you skipped cleaning duties!

Hamuteru and Nikaidou are now in charge of the pigs for Animal Husbandry Training.

I MIGHT NOT BE OKAY

WILL YOU BE OKAY? SOMEONE WHO HATES RATS SO MUCH...

H University holds exams in autumn for sophomores to decide their major.

Depending on one's grades, one may not be accepted into one's chosen department.

All students take general subjects before taking these exams.

THEN DON'T FILL IT IN AS YOUR FIRST CHOICE!

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO ACTUALLY GET IN

thou shalt go study veterinary medicine
I DO WANT TO PURSUE A CAREER IN VETERINARY MEDICINE, BUT I REALLY HATE TO TOUCH "THOSE"
↓
rats
FACED WITH THIS DILEMMA, I DID AS GOD TOLD ME
God said
BUT SINCE THE VET PROGRAM IS DIFFICULT TO GET IN TO, I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T MAKE IT ANYWAY --
I'm not going to care when you suffer in the future
But husbandry training is quite troublesome
You see it starts at 8 in the morning. Actually it's from 8:30 to 9 in the morning but if you misjudge the time, you're late for class - so we start early
Luckily, Hamutero and Nikaidou have a consultant.
First day of husbandry training
OKAY, EVERYONE
MEAL TIME -
BAM
blink
stamp
stamp
stamp

munch munch munch
.....
WHY CAN'T YOU WAIT A MOMENT! SUCH BAD BEHAVIOR!
AHEM YOU CAN'T DO THIS PROPERLY IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PARTNER TO HELP YOU
Her name is Hishimoma Seiko, a graduate student in Veterinary Medicine
ONE OF YOU DIVERTS THEIR ATTENTION WHILE THE OTHER FILLS THE FEEDING TROUGH OUTSIDE
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF

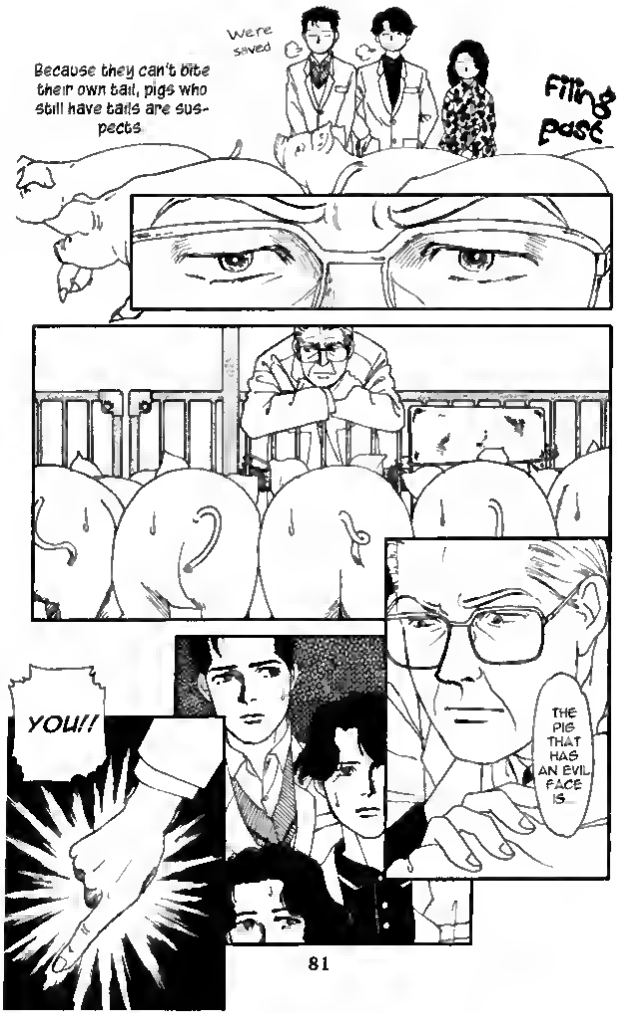
Actually, it's empty!
see
Ok, should we try it?
SWISH
Look here ~ The feed's here
HAMU-TERU, YOU
I just want to finish this quickly
SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT
PLONG
Crumple Crumple Crumple Crumple
西根
Nishine
THAT'S NO EX-CUSE!!

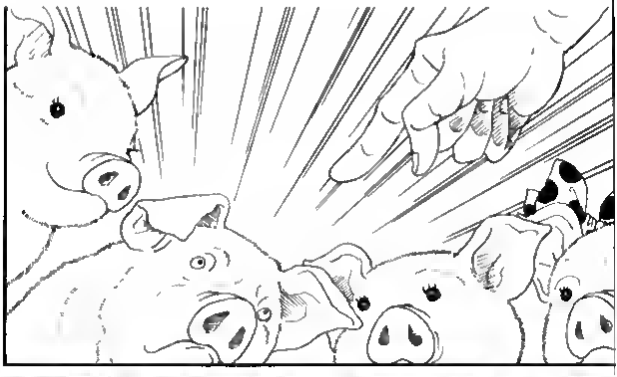
SHE DOES COME OFTEN COULD IT BE BECAUSE WE DON'T LOOK VERY RELIABLE?
BUT WHEN SHE COMES, THE PIGS SEEM TO BE BETTER-BEHAVED OR MAYBE INTIMIDATED?
WE WORKED SO HARD TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. WHAT ELSE COULD THEY BE UNHAPPY ABOUT?
Or they're really that particular about cleanliness - they should clean up themselves!
IF HISHINUMA-SAN COMES TOMORROW MORNING, LET'S ASK HER ABOUT THE TAIL BITING
OINK
NO, IT SURELY COMES FROM EXPERIENCE
Or maybe the pigs cringe when they see that glassy-eyed gloomy person
You've become so manly, even though you're a girl
Hey Chibi
Let's play
Struggle

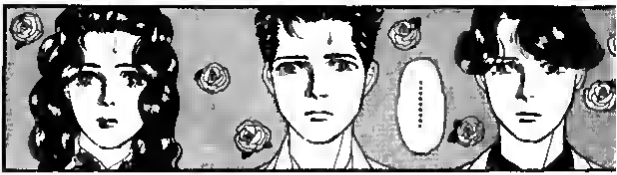
OK, YOU'RE DISMISSED NEXT!
Weighing
eee
squeak
No entry except department staff
husbandry training
Next day
"How many times do I have to tell you?
WHEN I SAY 'NEXT', GET IN THERE BY YOURSELF!
HAMUTERU, HELP CATCH IT. JUST ONE MORE AND WE'RE DONE
HUFF
HUFF
Making use of the chance to clean up
THAT ONE AGAIN?
SURELY WE'RE DOING IT LIKE WE WERE TOLD.
BUT WE MIGHT HAVE STRESSED THE DELICATE PIGS BECAUSE WE ARE STILL SO INEXPERIENCED
She, with features that could hardly be called lovely, stood out among her peers.

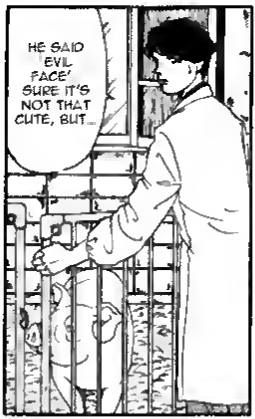
YOU HAVE TO
DO AS YOU'RE TOLD
NOW!
GRAB
Now now
BOEEN!
HAMUTERU, IT HAP-PENED AGAIN A SECOND ONE GOT BITTEN
The second tail biting victim.

WITHOUT A TAIL, THEY CAN'T CHASE FLIES AWAY
AND PLACES WHICH GET BITTEN WILL ALSO GET INFECTED MORE EASILY
Read the appendix, you guys
THERE ARE PLACES THAT REALLY DO THAT...
BUT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING TAIL-LESS
WE'LL PLAY MUSIC TO THEM
THEY NEVER DO IT IN FRONT OF PEOPLE. WE HAVE TO FIND THE CULPRIT IF WE DON'T FIND THE SOURCE OF STRESS, THERE'LL BE MORE VICTIMS
I HAVE AN IDEA
WHAT IS IT?
PRO-FES-SOR!
I WILL TELL YOU WHO'S THE CULPRIT. HAVE THE PIGS WITH TAILS LINE UP OVER THERE!

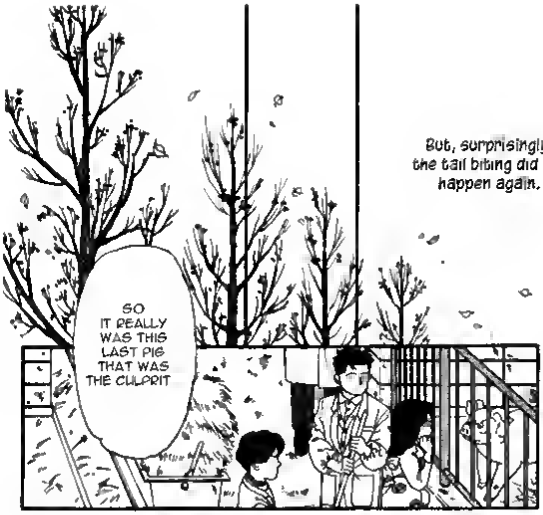

Were saved
Because they can't bite their own tail, pigs who still have tails are suspects
Filing past
THE PIG THAT HAS AN EVIL FACE IS...
YOU!!

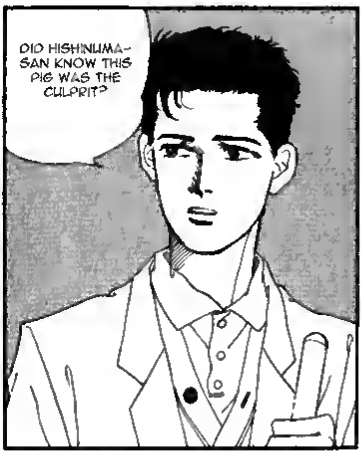


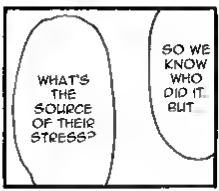




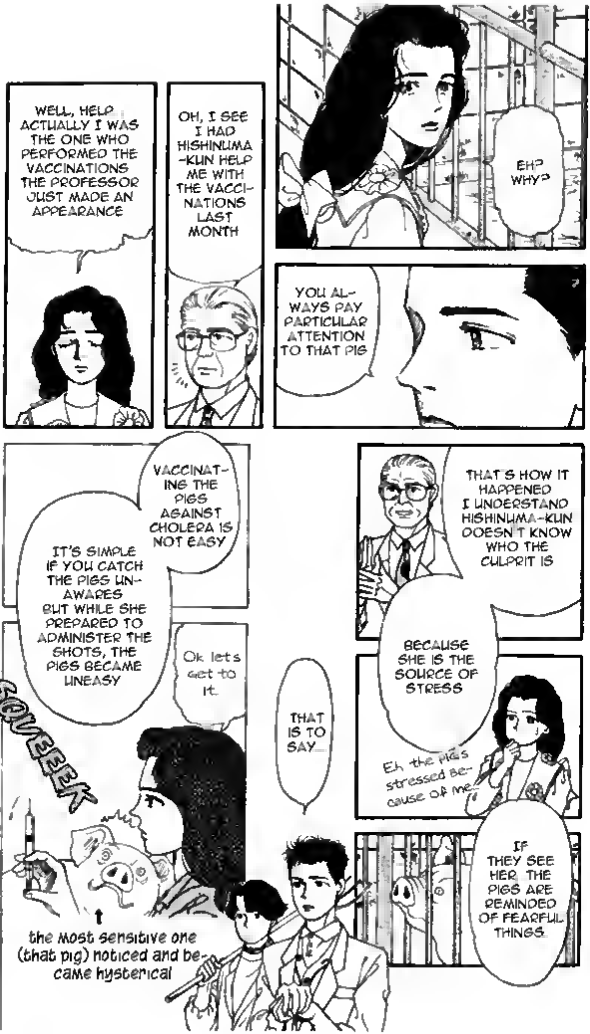
No one believed it, but out of respect for the Professor they kept the pig isolated.


But, surprisingly, the tail biting did not happen again.
SO IT REALLY WAS THIS LAST PIG THAT WAS THE CULPRIT


DID HISHINUMA-SAN KNOW THIS PIG WAS THE CULPRIT?


SO WE KNOW WHO DID IT. BUT
WHAT'S THE SOURCE OF THEIR STRESS?

BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T CLEAN THE PIG PEN
WE DID!


EH? WHY?
YOU ALWAYS PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THAT PIG
OH, I SEE I HAD HISHINUMA-KUN HELP ME WITH THE VACCINATIONS LAST MONTH
WELL, HELP ACTUALLY I WAS THE ONE WHO PERFORMED THE VACCINATIONS THE PROFESSOR JUST MADE AN APPEARANCE
THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED I UNDERSTAND HISHINUMA-KUN DOESN'T KNOW WHO THE CULPRIT IS
BECAUSE SHE IS THE SOURCE OF STRESS
Eh, the pig's stressed because of me
IF THEY SEE HER THE PIGS ARE REMINDED OF FEARFUL THINGS.
THAT IS TO SAY...
VACCINATING THE PIGS AGAINST CHOLERA IS NOT EASY
IT'S SIMPLE IF YOU CATCH THE PIGS UNAWARES BUT WHILE SHE PREPARED TO ADMINISTER THE SHOTS, THE PIGS BECAME UNEASY
Ok let's get to it.
SQUEEEK
the most sensitive one (that pig) noticed and became hysterical

THIS
Well in the end we grabbed the pigs to give the injection
about to faint.
It will affect the rest, and eventually all of them will become hysterical.
I WAS WORRIED ALL ALONG THAT THE PIG WOULD NOT GROW UP WELL BECAUSE IT WAS SO SENSITIVE
WHEN I PASSED THE PEN ONE MORNING, I REALIZED THAT PIG LOOKED VERY UNEASY. I WAS CONCERNED SO I VISITED IT OFTEN
SUCH IS THE FATE OF A VETERINARIAN EVEN IF WE'RE DOING IT TO PREVENT AN ILLNESS, TO THE PIGS WE'RE DESPICABLE PEOPLE WHO SUBJECT THEM TO PAIN.
BUT SURELY ONE DAY, YOU WILL MEET AN ANIMAL THAT UNDERSTANDS YOU
BUT IT WAS MORE A HINDRANCE THAN A HELP. THAT PIG ACTUALLY DISLIKED ME.

WELL, WELL FINALLY THE PIG DUTY IS OVER WHAT'S NEXT?
cows
It was proven that Hamuteru's and Nikardou's work was not to blame. But...
WILL IT BE SO...?
IT WILL. SO DON'T LOSE HEART AND DON'T SHOW UP AROUND THE PIGS AGAIN
COW
Cows are incredibly curious
Never seen them
Don't they look feeble?
Look, newbies are here
There's no such thing as an easy job
A mob of onlookers.

Actually it's a play on words. An onlooker (ex at an accident) is called yajuma in Japanese with -uma meaning 'horse' Here it's yajushi, -ushi being 'cow'

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